

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER S. ENEY

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 26, 1994

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago on August 24, 1984, U.S. Capitol Police Sgt. Christopher S. Eney was killed in a tragic training accident. On the 10th anniversary of Sergeant Eney's death I want to pay tribute to Sergeant Eney and his courageous widow, Vivian.

Sergeant Eney was killed in an accidental shooting during a training exercise. He was 37 years old and a 12-year veteran of the U.S. Capitol Police. He left behind a wife, Vivian, and two daughters, Shannen and Heather. Vivian and Chris had been married 12½ years. Needless to say, on August 24, 1984, Vivian Eney's life took a dramatic turn. She entered the world of police survivors.

Shortly after Chris' death, Vivian decided to channel her energies toward something positive. She was determined to help others across the country who found themselves as police survivors. Vivian joined a newly formed group—Concerns of Police Survivors [COPS]. COPS is a self-support group, that over the years has become a nationally known and respected organization. The growth and success of COPS as a national advocate for the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty can be attributed in large part to Vivian's energy and leadership.

In addition to testifying before Congress and successfully lobbying to increase the Federal death benefit for police survivors, Vivian has actively expanded COPS national outreach efforts in assisting police survivors. Most significantly, Vivian played a key role in the successful effort to build the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

As a member of the board of directors of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Vivian was instrumental in raising the funds necessary to build the memorial and focus national attention on the need to recognize the sacrifices that law enforcement officers have made throughout American history.

Over the past 10 years Vivian has accomplished a lot. Perhaps her most important and significant accomplishment has been the superb job she has done in single handedly raising her two wonderful daughters. Chris would have been proud of the fine job Vivian has done as a single parent.

So, Mr. Speaker, on this the 10th anniversary of Sgt. Chris Eney's tragic death, I salute the memory of a dedicated and talented law enforcement officer. I also salute the fine work his widow has done in preserving his memory and giving of herself to help thousands of police survivors across the country.

A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE DOURIS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 26, 1994

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues the extraordinary life story of a great American and a constituent who it is my profound honor to represent.

George Douris of Astoria, Queens, is a man I like to call "The Greek Cannon Ball." He can best be described as an activist, a philanthropist, a journalist, and a humanist.

George has been an inspiration to me over the years. He was my mentor early in my career, when I worked for the Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee. He founded HANAC in 1969, at the suggestion of Mayor John Lindsay, who provided \$75,000 for a survey of the needs of Greek New Yorkers. George and his colleagues wrote a report and received funds for an English as a Second Language School. HANAC began with \$75,000 and seven employees. Today, HANAC has a budget of over \$50 million and employs more than 3,000 people. HANAC is testament to George's unique ability to succeed at everything he endeavors to do.

George served in the Army in Korea in the late 1940's. After his father's death in 1947, he returned to New York where he was stationed. He worked as a campaign coordinator for Representative (Col.) James Roe when he ran and won the congressional seat in the Astoria/Flushing area in Queens. That was the beginning of George Douris' illustrious career as a political operative. In 1954, George founded the Hellenic American Political Action Committee.

But George's first love was journalism. He worked with world-famous columnist Jimmy Breslin at the Long Island Star Journal while they attended school together at Long Island University. The two enterprising journalists would leave the newspaper at 3 a.m., take the subway to Brooklyn, sleep 3 hours in an abandoned car, get up, go to a Greek restaurant at the corner for breakfast, and attend class from 6:30 until 11:30 a.m.

George continued his career as a sports writer and then a "People and Food" editor at the Star Journal, a position he held for 8 years. He was also very active in the Greek community which he held so dear. He combined his two passions by starting the Hellenic American World, a weekly newspaper, which he sold 6 months later.

In 1955, a demonstration took place in Istanbul, in which a number of Greek Orthodox priests were killed and the Archbishop's home and property were burned. George and his colleagues worked 25 consecutive hours and wrote an eight-page tabloid newspaper with the true story and pictures of the event.

Thanks to his work, the immediate reaction was in favor of orthodoxy, and the killing was stopped. In this respect, George did nothing less than change world history.

Following the 1955 earthquake in Volos, Greece, George organized a fundraiser to aid the victims, which produced more than \$20,000. George went to Greece with his wife in 1956 and distributed thousands of aid packages in Volos with the help of the organization CARE.

In the 1960's, George was elected president, lieutenant governor, and governor of American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association [AHEPA] in New York State. When the Turks invaded Cyprus, AHEPA and George were intensely involved in the relief effort. George met with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in Washington and demanded that the United States put a stop to using United States arms to attack Cyprus. With the help of Representative Mario Biaggi, George helped obtain \$25 million in emergency funds for Cyprus from the United States allotment.

George then went to Cyprus and worked on the first documentary film—narrated by Telly Savalas—about the devastation in Cyprus. When George returned from Cyprus, he was met by Mayor Abe Beame, who gave HANAC a pier on the west side of Manhattan, from which thousands of tons of emergency food, blankets, medical supplies, and a mobile United States medical operation were transported to Cyprus.

In 1966, when John Lindsay was elected mayor, George who was the first Greek-American elected president of the New York Press Club as well as the prestigious Inner Circle, was assigned to room 9, the city hall press room. Mayor Lindsay had a "hot room" in the basement where citizens came to lodge complaints about services. Many Greeks arriving from Greece could not speak English, so the mayor asked George to help out, which he did. After the Long Island Star Journal closed in 1967, George went to the Long Island Press and worked part-time for the United Press.

In 1969, George founded HANAC and started its senior center. Mayor Lindsay later gave George the City of New York Medal for his philanthropic work.

After the Long Island Press folded in 1977, George took a job as a public relations consultant for the Police Benevolent Association and opened his own public relations firm.

During his PBA days, George saw two police officers slain in a Bedford-Stuyvesant hospital. George swore to do something about it, and started a campaign to raise \$2 million to put a bullet-proof vest on every police officer. As in most every other venture in his life, George succeeded. New York's Finest are deeply indebted to George to this day.

HANAC has thrived, George's business has boomed. He has received numerous honors, dinners, and medals throughout his life.

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But he is most proud of his son Thomas, his daughter Litsa and her son Naki. He loves them deeply. And, Mr. Speaker, nearly everyone who has ever known George loves him deeply as well. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WOODLAND ALL STARS

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 26, 1994

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Woodland 13-year-old Babe Ruth All-Star Team. On Saturday, August 20, 1994, the Woodland All Stars captured the 1994 Babe Ruth 13-year-old world series title in Concord, NH.

The 1994 Babe Ruth 13-year-old world series champion roster included: Tony Salvemini, manager; Cliff Young, coach; James Wells, coach; Chris Bojorquez, Cesar Fernandez,

Diego Genera, Matt Giebel, Joe Giger, Sam Henderson, Jay Jimenez, Eddie Lavorio, Marc Lecair, Isaac Preciado, Mario Quintana, Richard Rowland, Anthony Salvemini, David Saragoza, and Jeff Watson.

On the way to winning the series title, the team amassed an impressive overall postseason record of 15 wins and 1 loss. Their road to the world series title included victories over Elk Grove and Rancho Cordova for the district title, and victories over Oakland, Mountain View, Hayward, and Vallejo for the NorCal title. The team's sole loss in the postseason was to Glendale in the regionals. However, they avenged the loss with a victory over Glendale which, along with their victories over Yuma, Nevada, and Northridge, earned them the Pacific Southwest regional title and a shot at the world series title. The team capped their run with victories over Ashland, Brazoswood, Staten Island, and Jefferson City which earned them the championship title.

Pitcher Anthony Salvemini and second baseman Jay Jimenez were named to the All World Series team. In addition, Anthony was

also named the series MVP and Isaac Preciado received the series Sportsmanship Award.

The team's postseason record is as follows:

District Tournament: Woodland 7, Elk Grove 4; Woodland 13, Rancho Cordova 1; and Woodland 4, Elk Grove 3.

NorCal Tournament: Woodland 7, Oakland 2; Woodland 10, Mountain View 6; Woodland 5, Hayward 2; and Woodland 7, Vallejo 1.

Pacific Southwest Regional: Woodland 19, Yuma, AZ 10; Woodland 10, Nevada 0; Woodland 5, Northridge 3; Glendale, AZ 5, Woodland 1; and Woodland 6, Glendale 0.

World Series: Woodland 6, Ashland, KY 5; Woodland 3, Brazoswood, TX 2; Woodland 9, Staten Island, NY 3; and Woodland 6, Jefferson City, MO 3.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me today in honoring the Woodland 13-year-old Babe Ruth All Stars and I personally extend my sincere congratulations on their winning the Babe Ruth 13-year-old world series title.